

Currituck County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Steering Committee Meeting

September 1, 2010 6:00 PM, 8011 Caratoke Highway, Powells Point, NC

Attendees

Barry Hobbs	NCDOT – Division 1
Steven Lambert	Albemarle RPO
Gretchen Byrum	NCDOT- Division 1, District 1
Peter Bishop	Currituck County Economic Development
Ben Woody	Currituck County Planning
David Palmer	Economic Development Advisory Board
Kerry Morrow	NCDOT- Transportation Planning Branch

I. Introductions

Kerry Morrow opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Each attendee introduced himself/herself to the group.

II. Meeting 4 minutes

Group reviewed the minutes from the June 15, 2010 meeting.

III. Draft Highway Recommendations

- a. **Review revised CTP Highway recommendations** – Kerry Morrow went over definitions and examples of freeways, expressways, boulevards, major and minor thoroughfares. Kerry showed visual representations that illustrated the differences between each road type.

- b. **Discuss revisions:**

- Moyock Bypass – Kerry explained the alignment is the generally similar to one determined in the 1993 Thoroughfare Plan. She explained that she changed the alignment of the recommended route near where it ties into 158. This was done to avoid a 5-legged interchange at Indiantown Rd.
 - US 158/168 connection – Kerry explained why a revision was needed at this location, due to safety issues near the high school, middle school and library. The map revision showed a new alignment for part of US 158, and a connection to NC 168 closer to the schools. Peter Bishop asked about what it means to have controlled access. Ben Woody agreed with having one controlled access point next to the HS. Kerry explained that another option is to move the interchange south of the schools and building a new alignment along the eastern side of the schools to separate the local and through traffic in this area. Steve Lambert explained that we spoke with the school district about their needs and how they would prefer for there to be

two different types of roads, expressway and boulevard. Kerry explained that there is not much very space between where the schools are at and there are wetlands west of 168. Peter Bishop expressed his discontent for the term “expressway”, as well as limited access and controlled access. David Palmer reminded us about the ball fields being affected by the road going behind the school. David Palmer notes that traffic does jam up at the 158-168 merging point. He said if there was a true flyover, the traffic would likely be reduced. He stated that 12 years ago the residents turned down a similar option. Committee agreed on a recommendation to have boulevard on the east side of the schools, expressway west of the schools and the interchange south of the schools.

- NC 615 - Kerry explained that she changed this recommendation to improving the whole facility.
- Grandy Rd – Colonial Beach Connector – Kerry explained that the alignment for the Grandy Rd Connector was slightly revised to connect to Colonial Beach Rd.
- Billy Romm Lane – Kerry explained that this recommendation was accidentally left out of the list from the last meeting. Recommendation is to improve Billy Romm Ln to connect to South Mills Rd. Peter suggested we use Cooper Barrett instead, as it would be better for Blackwater traffic. Kerry agreed to the change.

IV. Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans

- a. Draft Bicycle Recommendations – Steve talked about how the county is working on getting the sidewalks from the PUDs and will be working on putting a multi-use path in. The multi-use path will be on the west side of NC 12. He gave committee handouts that showed the alignment of the off-road path for a multi-use path north of Corolla. Ben asked about better bicycle facility by Aydlett Rd.
- b. Steve opened up the discussion for the pedestrian recommendations. Steve stated that the school district suggested adding sidewalks around Jarvisburg Elementary. The committee agreed. Ben also suggested sidewalks in Grandy, from Walnut Island, starting at Waterside Villages. Ben and Peter also suggested adding an off-road path from the new YMCA area on 158 to the 158-168 intersection.

V. Public Transportation – Committee agreed that a park and ride location on the mainland makes sense. Committee discussed the idea of using the schools parking lots as the park and ride. Peter noted that a private- public entity could start a park and ride.

VI. Closing Notes

- a. Next meeting – end of October